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SUBJECT: ITALY: REGISTER OF DAMAGES SHOULD HAVE TECHNICAL  
MANDATE

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor David D. Pearce for reasons  
1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Poloffs delivered reftel points to MFA Near East Deputy Office Director Daniele Bosio December 5 and Acting UN Office Director Leonardo Bencini December 6, noting U.S. concerns with the draft resolution to establish a register of damages related to the West Bank barrier. Poloffs emphasized that the U.S. believed any such resolution should be fully consistent with the Secretary General's report of October 17.

Both Bencini and Bosio indicated that Italy was not positively inclined to the resolution in its current format. Bosio noted the timing was inappropriate and that such a resolution should be included as a confidence building measure within a larger peace plan. Bencini said that it was not the time for initiatives that would have a polarizing effect and would antagonize Israel.

¶2. (C) According to Bencini, while Italy continued to support the establishment of a register, it was working towards a resolution that would be as technical as possible. Specifically, Bencini noted that Italy opposed the use of words like "unlawful" or "illegal" in the resolution text. Bosio said the GOI's goal was a coordinated EU policy, and that this was still being negotiated. He added that some EU states had expressed concern with the resolution on a financial basis.  
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